

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A cart for supporting a golf bag and clubs therein in a vertically upright condition upon an underlying surface, said cart comprising:

a carriage for accommodating the golf bag;

a pair of axially aligned forward wheels which are axially rotatably connected to said carriage and at least one rearward wheel that is swivelably and rotatably mounted to said carriage, each said wheel being rotatably engagable with the underlying surface;

said carriage including a base for engaging the bottom of the golf bag and a support frame extending upwardly from the base and carrying at least one upper holder spaced apart above the base for engaging a bag placed on said base such that the bag is held in a vertically upright condition; and

a handle attached to and extending rearwardly and outwardly from said frame, whereby applying a generally horizontal pushing or pulling force to said handle causes said cart to move over the underlying surface on said wheels while the bag and clubs are maintained in the vertically upright condition; at least one of said wheels being carried by a strut that is connected to said frame, said strut being alternatable between an open condition wherein said wheel attached to said strut is deployed for moving on the underlying surface and a collapsed condition wherein said wheel attached to said strut is retracted for storage of said cart.

Claim 2 (original): The cart of claim 1 in which said vertically upright condition comprises an axis that is inclined less than 12° relative to the plane of the supporting surface.

Claim 3 (original): The cart of claim 1 in which said base includes a platform and a side wall at least partly surrounding said platform.

Claim 4 (original): The cart of claim 1 including a pair of rearward wheels, each said rearward wheel being movably alignable with a respective one of said forward wheels.

Claim 5 (original): The cart of claim 1 further including a single rearward wheel which is disposed laterally between said forward pair of wheels.

Claim 6 (original): The cart of claim 1 in which said support frame includes at least one elongate bar extending vertically upwardly from said base.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The cart of claim 4 6 in which said handle includes an elongate loop member that extends rearwardly from said bar and has two opposite ends that are connected to said bar.

Claims 8 – 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (original): The cart of claim 1 in which said holder includes a concave bracket for receiving and at least partially encircling the bag mounted on the cart.

Claim 13 (original): The cart of claim 12 in which said holder further includes a strap carried by such bracket and alternatable between an open condition wherein the golf bag may be selectively introduced into and removed from said bracket, and a closed condition wherein a bag accommodated by said bracket is held therein by said strap.

Claim 14 (new): A cart for supporting a golf bag and clubs therein in a vertically upright condition upon an underlying surface, said cart comprising:

a carriage for accommodating the golf bag;

a pair of axially aligned, non-motorized forward wheels which are axially rotatably connected to said carriage and at least one rearward wheel that is swivelably and rotatably mounted to said carriage, each said wheel being rotatably engagable with the underlying surface;

said carriage including a base for engaging the bottom of the golf bag and a support frame extending upwardly from the base and carrying at least one upper holder above the base for engaging a bag placed on said base such that the bag is held in a vertically upright condition; and

a handle attached to and extending rearwardly from an upper portion of said frame, which upper portion is located above a midpoint of the frame, whereby applying a generally horizontal manual pushing or pulling force to said handle causes said cart to move over the underlying surface on said wheels while the bag and clubs are maintained in the vertically upright condition.

Claim 15 (new): The cart of claim 14 in which said carriage support is engageable with the golf bag such that the bag is held substantially perpendicular to the plane of the underlying surface.

Claim 16 (new): The cart of claim 14 in which said vertically upright condition comprises an axis that is inclined less than 12° relative to the plane of the supporting surface.

Claim 17 (new): The cart of claim 14 in which said base includes a platform and a side wall at least partly surrounding said platform.

Claim 18 (new): The cart of claim 14 including a pair of rearward wheels, each said rearward wheel being movably alignable with a respective one of said forward wheels.

Claim 19 (new): The cart of claim 14 further including a single rearward wheel which is disposed laterally between said forward pair of wheels.

Claim 20 (new): The cart of claim 14 in which said support frame includes at least one elongate bar extending vertically upwardly from said base.

Claim 21 (new): The cart of claim 20 in which said handle includes an elongate loop member that extends rearwardly from said at least one bar and has two opposite ends that are connected to said at least one bar.

Claim 22 (new): The cart of claim 14 in which said handle is connected to and extends rearwardly from an upper end of said frame.

Claim 23 (new): A cart for supporting a golf bag and clubs therein in a vertically upright condition upon an underlying surface, said cart comprising:

- a carriage for accommodating the golf bag;

- a pair of axially aligned, non-motorized forward wheels which are axially rotatably connected to said carriage and at least one rearward wheel that is swivelably and rotatably mounted to said carriage, each said wheel being rotatably engagable with the underlying surface;

- said carriage including a base for engaging the bottom of the golf bag and a support frame extending upwardly from the base and carrying at least one upper holder

above the base for engaging a bag placed on said base such that the bag is held in a vertically upright condition; and

a handle attached pivotably to and extending rearwardly from said frame, whereby applying a generally horizontal manual pushing or pulling force to said handle causes said cart to move over the underlying surface on said wheels while the bag and clubs are maintained in the vertically upright condition.

Claim 24 (new): The cart of claim 23 in which said carriage support is engageable with the golf bag such that the bag is held substantially perpendicular to the plane of the underlying surface.